

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NWQI - Lower Main Creek

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NWQI - Lower Main Creek		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the State priority category.	
1. Is the program application for development of a TSP-prepared Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other State-level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality – EPA Watersheds:	
2. Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within ¼ mile of a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e., receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen and/or phosphorous), on the EPA 303(d) list, or is impaired with a TMDL in place and therefore not on the 303(d) list, or specified as a critical stream or water body authorized by the Regional Conservationist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Geographic Impacts:	
3. Are more than 75 percent of the acres treated i. Located within a NWQI watershed AND ii. Do they have at least one core conservation practice planned on them?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Collaborative Efforts:	
4. Are core conservation practices planned for the applicant's treated acres within an existing non-USDA water quality project area addressing the same or similar pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Effort to address watershed impairments:	
5. Does this program application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices which address the NWQI primary resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Risk Soils:	
6. Are core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres with a majority of soil types that are classified hydrologic group D (high runoff) or group A (high infiltration)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)	
1. If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Integrated Pest Management (Answer YES to only one of the following 1-2.)	

2. Will this application implement an advanced IPM plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (plan must include maintaining records for scouting, alternative treatment methods, timing of application, least hazardous chemical use, etc.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application implement a basic IPM plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (limited scouting, timing of application & following label required)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Impaired Water Quality (Answer YES to only one of the following 3-5.)	
4. Will practices be installed to improve water quality adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from an identified water body (lake, stream, reservoir, TMDL nutrient impaired watershed, etc.) ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will practices be installed to improve water quality between 1321 and 2640 feet from an identified water body (lake, stream, reservoir, TMDL nutrient impaired watershed, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will practices be installed to improve water quality between 2641 and 5280 feet from an identified water body (lake, stream, reservoir, TMDL nutrient impaired watershed, etc. ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Grazing Plan (When the riparian area is located within and/or adjacent to grazing lands) - (Answer YES to only one of the following 6-9.)	
7. Will the cooperators implement use exclusion which will result in no grazing within the identified riparian area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the cooperators implement a high intensity, short duration rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the cooperators implement a rest rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will the cooperators implement a deferred rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will salt blocks and other supplements be rotated within the pasture and placed away from watering facilities and/or riparian areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will livestock be fenced away from and/or will watering facilities/feeding areas be located away from any water body to lessen impacts of high concentration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Cost Effectiveness (Answer Yes to only one of the following 12-19.)	
13. Will the cost per linear foot of riparian restoration be <\$15 a foot?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Between \$16 and \$25?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Between \$26 and \$35?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Between \$36 and \$45?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Between \$46 and \$55?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Between \$56 and \$65?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Between \$66 and \$75?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. >\$76?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Riparian Buffer Zone (Answer YES to only one of the following 20-23.)	
21. Is the riparian buffer planned to be 33 feet or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Is the riparian buffer planned to be 34-100 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. Is the riparian buffer planned to be 101-300 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Is the riparian buffer planned greater than 300 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Benefits (Answer Yes to only one of the following: 24-25)	
25. Will the project area be located within or adjacent to (less than 1320 feet) of a conservation area identified for the protection of wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Will the project area be located within 1 mile of a conservation area identified for the protection of wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Project Monitoring	
27. Will the project have ecological monitoring conducted by a university, state, federal agency (Non NRCS) or NGO?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract Compliance (if applicable)	
28. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule, in non-compliance or practices in arrears?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: